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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

FIRST-NAMED INVENTOR: Nakamura *et al.*
FOR: GENE AND PROTEIN RELATING TO HEPATOCELLULAR
CARCINOMA AND METHODS OF USE THEREOF

Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**REQUEST FOR FILING A NEW NON PROVISIONAL APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)**

1. This application is a continuation in part of PCT/JP02/09876, filed September 25, 2002, which claims priority to USSN 60/324,261, filed September 25, 2001; USSN 60/391,666 filed June 26, 2002; and CASN 2,399,569, filed August 23, 2002 and claims the benefit of USSN 60/450,644, filed February 28, 2003, each of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.
2. This application is a total of 70 pages. This application includes:
 - 64 pages of specification (not including claims, abstract, or figures)
 - 5 pages of claims
 - 1 page of abstract
 - 25 pages of Drawings (Figs. 1A – 18)
 - 23 pages of Sequence Listing
3. Also included is a Combined Declaration/Power of Attorney (unsigned).

4. Fee Calculation

CLAIMS AS FILED					
Claims	Number Filed	Basic Fee Allowance	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee 37 C.F.R. §1.16(a) \$770.00
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(c))	63	- 20 =	41	\$18.00	\$738.00
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b))	9	- 3 =	6	\$86.00	\$516.00
Multiple Dependent Claim(s), if any (37 C.F.R. 1.16(d))	1	0	0	\$290.00	\$290.00
SUBTOTAL:					\$2,314.00
Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity:					\$0.00
TOTAL FEE:					\$2,314.00

5. A check (# 18162) in the amount of **\$2,314.00** is enclosed.
6. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any fees due to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 25371-021CIP.
7. A return receipt postcard is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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